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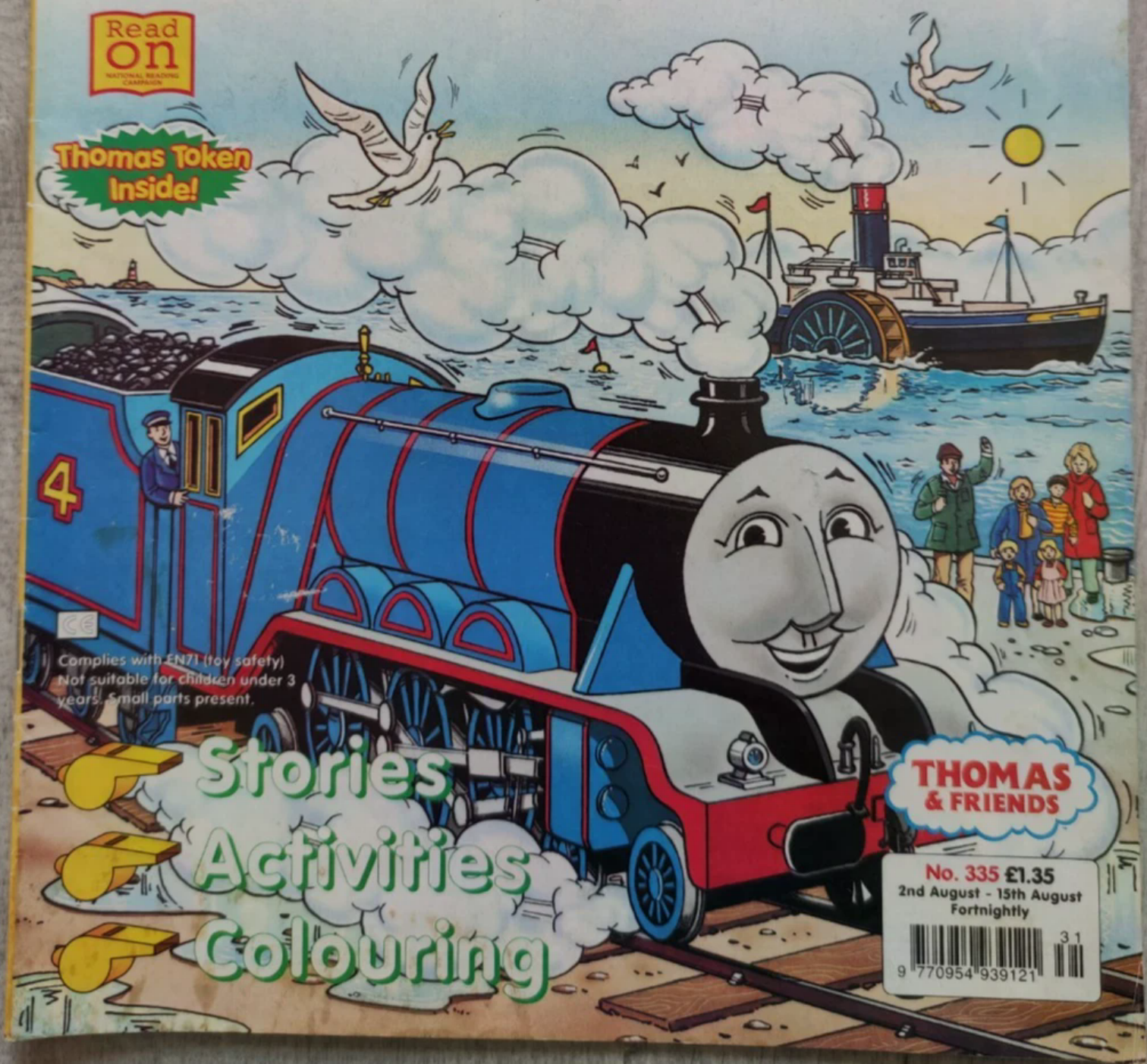

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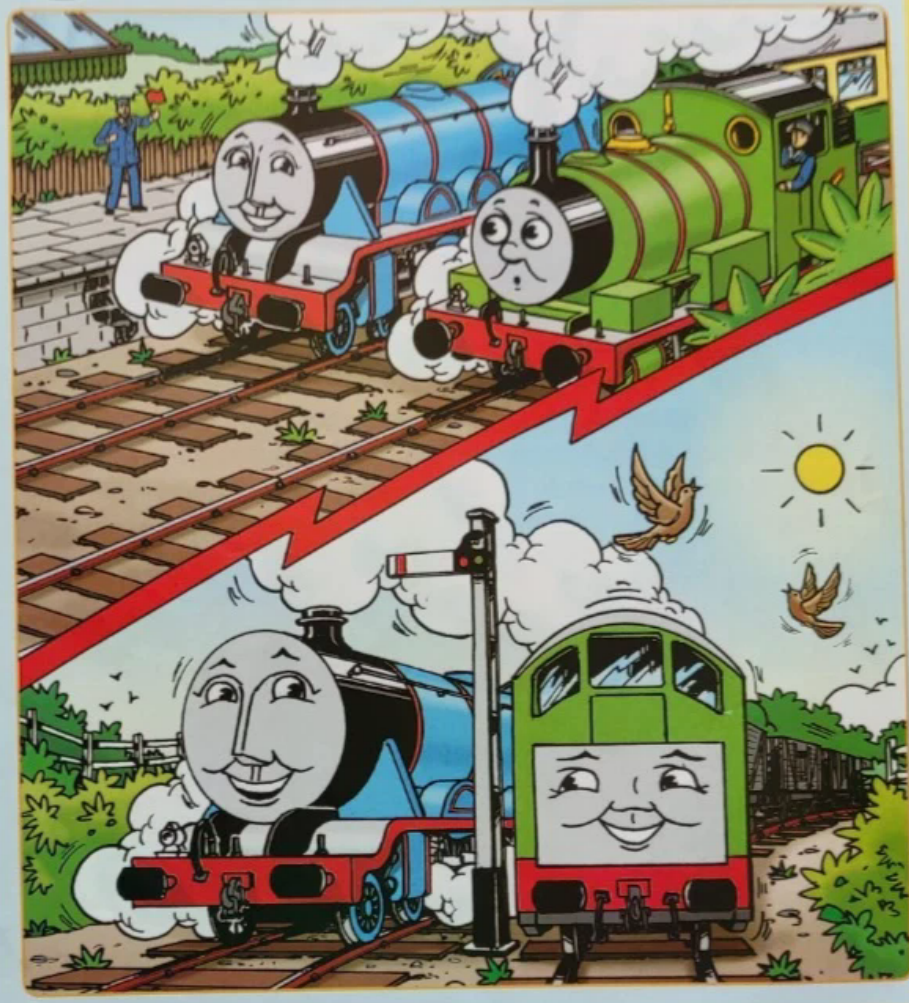
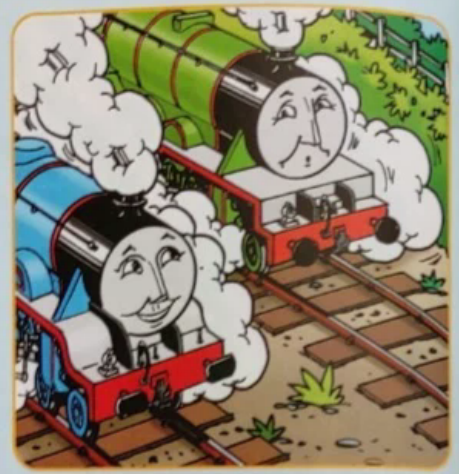
Old Smoky



1. "Make way for MEEEEE!" Gordon whistled noisily as he hurried past Percy, by the main station. Gordon was pulling the Express. He nearly made Percy jump right off the rails!

2. Later, Gordon stopped at a signal. He met BoCo who was returning from the harbour, pulling a long line of trucks. He could only go slowly.

3. "What a shame you're not big and strong, like me!" boasted Gordon. "I'm doing my best," BoCo hooted crossly, as Gordon left him in a cloud of steam.

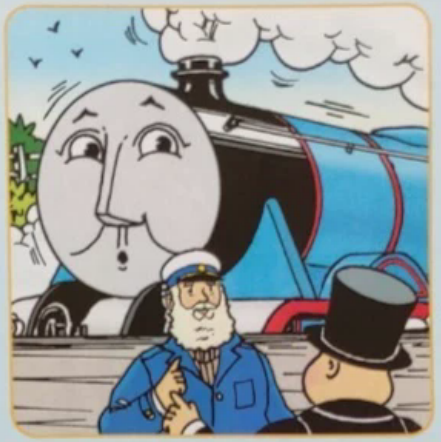


4. Gordon was soon hurtling along at full speed. He caught up with Henry, who was off to the Works, "PHEEP! Hurry up, Henry!" snorted Gordon, importantly.

5. Henry rolled into a siding to let Gordon race proudly by. Fed up, Henry, BoCo, and Percy gathered after work to have a grumble about Gordon.

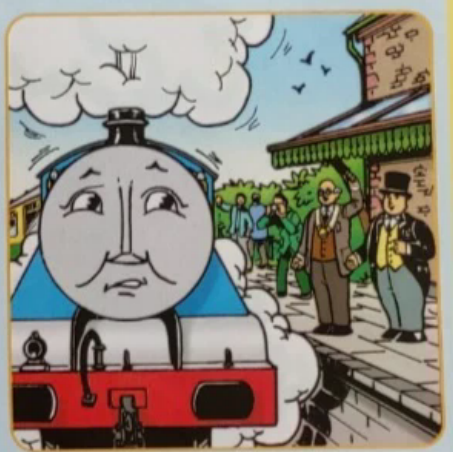
6. "Pah! It's all right for Gordon!" frowned Percy. "We can't help being smaller." "We're Really Useful too," said BoCo. Gordon pulled up beside a platform.

7. His last passengers of the day stepped out of the Express coaches. One was a sea captain, named Tom. "I've just heard exciting news," he called to The Fat Controller.

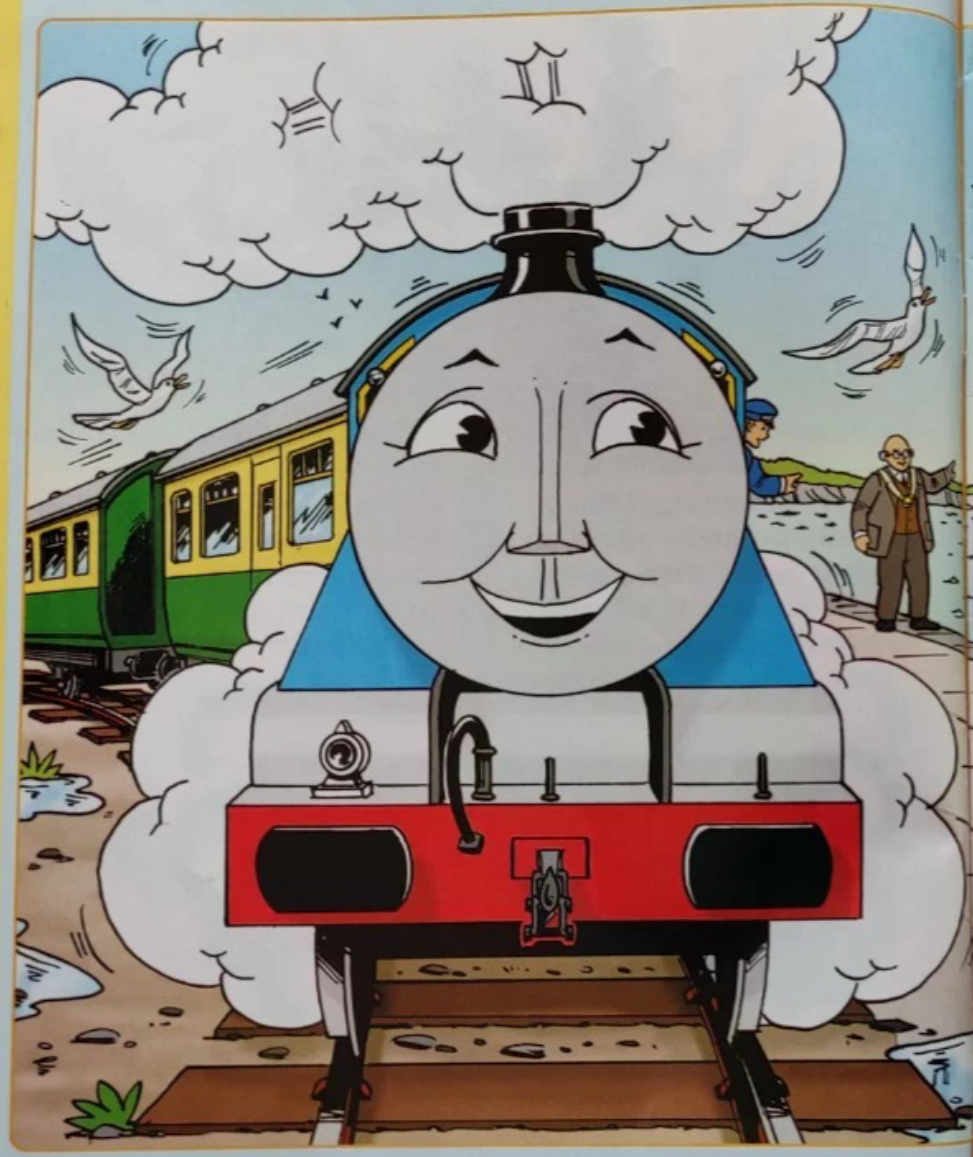


8. "Old Smoky's coming to the Island tomorrow," Captain Tom went on. "Yes, he's larger than any of my engines," said The Fat Controller. Gordon was shocked!

9. "Old Smoky must be the biggest engine in the world!" he thought, gloomily. "I've always been the biggest around here. I don't want to be second best!"



10. Next morning, the Mayor arrived with lots of passengers. The Fat Controller asked sulky Gordon to take them to the Big Harbour to welcome Old Smoky.



11. Gordon carried a photographer and reporter from the Sodor Times. "Old Smoky will make front page news," said his driver. For once, Gordon felt small and unimportant.

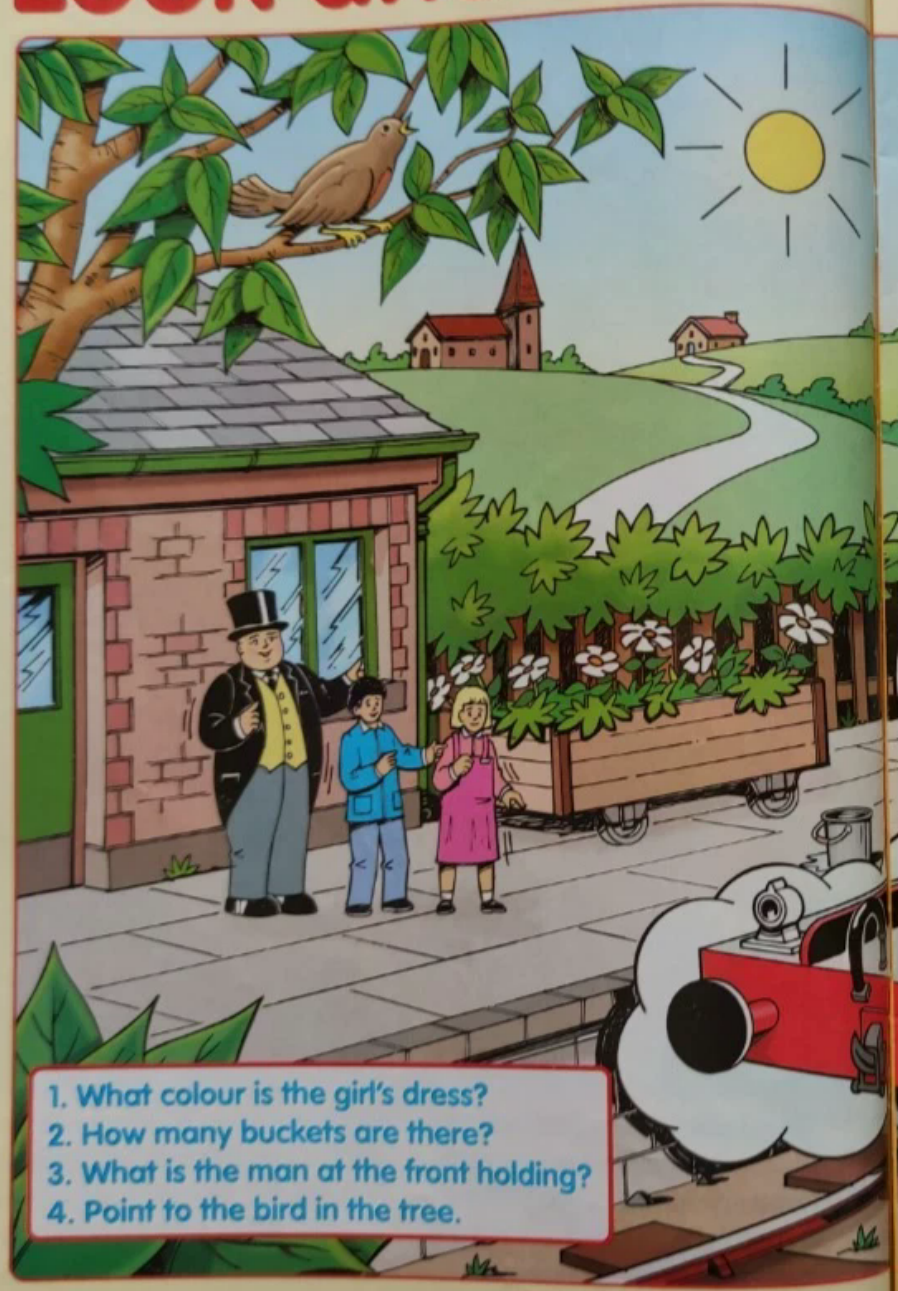
12. But at the Big Harbour, there was no sign of the giant engine. Instead, Gordon stared in surprise at an unusual boat, with a tall funnel and two paddle wheels.

13. "See? There's Old Smoky!" cried Gordon's driver as everyone cheered. "She's an old-fashioned paddlesteamer! She's here to give trips along the coast."

14. "I thought Old Smoky ran on rails!" Gordon said, very relieved. "I'm still the biggest engine!" But Gordon was careful not to boast next time he took the Express!

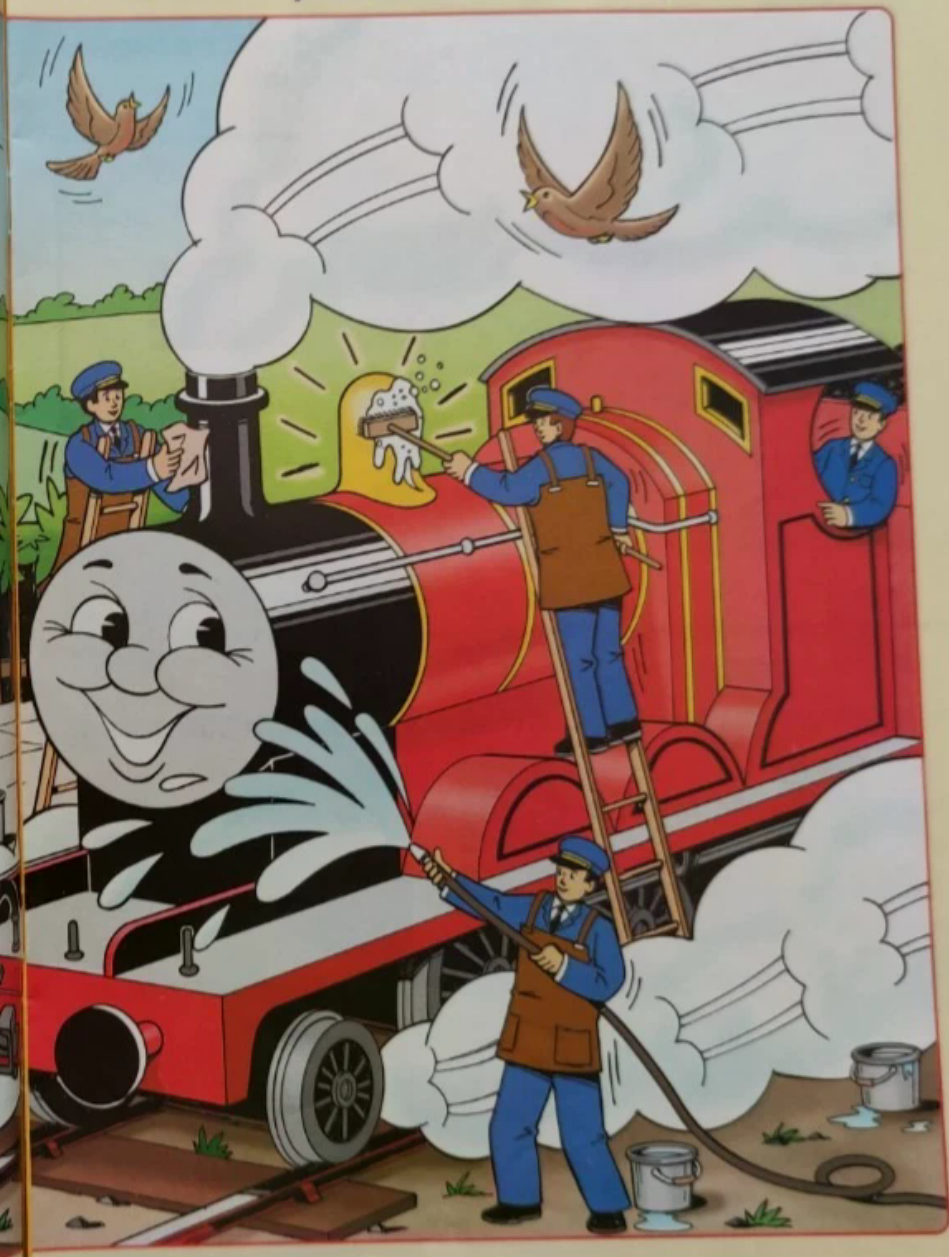
The End

Look and See!



1. What colour is the girl's dress?
2. How many buckets are there?
3. What is the man at the front holding?
4. Point to the bird in the tree.

James is getting nice and clean!
Look at the picture. What can you see?



answers: 1. pink 2. three 3. a hose 4. In the top-left corner.

Rusty's rebus story

Picnic Problems

Trace over the words below. Then read the story, when you see a picture say the word!

The words made into pictures are...

Thomas

boy

ball

bridge

nest

cygnets

swan

boat

One morning, was puffing alongside the park. Suddenly he heard a cry, "Oh no, my has gone into the river!" As the ball disappeared under a , whistled to the , "It's going the same way as us, if we spot it anywhere we'll let you know!" While was waiting at the next station, he saw it catch in some reeds. "I've spotted the !" he peeped excitedly. Just then, an angry appeared from her and pushed

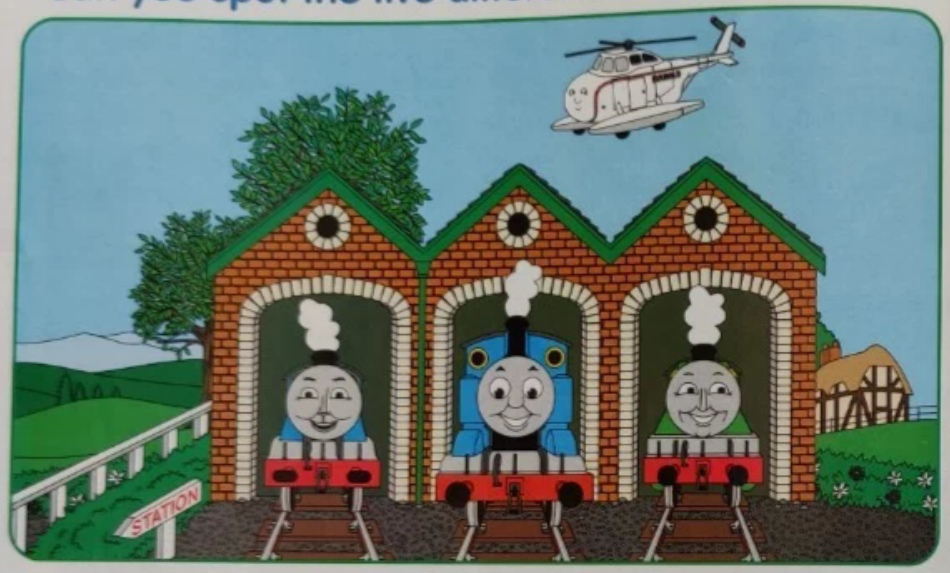
the away with a hiss. Thomas' driver smiled, "I think she's trying to say she doesn't want the near her !" Then saw a . "Have you seen a on the river?" he puffed to a man on board. "Yes, it's here, we've just fished it out!" replied the man. explained, "We know whose it is!" The man shouted, "Catch!" and threw the to Thomas' fireman. "Well caught!" shouted the driver.

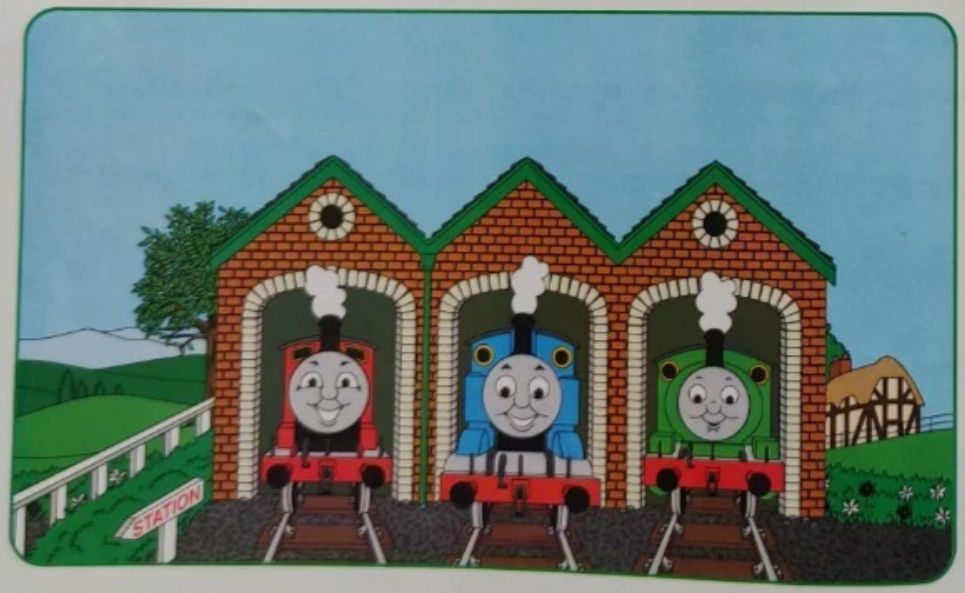
Later that day, gave the boy his back. "Thank you ever so much, Thomas!" he smiled. Thomas grinned, "It was a pleasure, I love playing spot the !"

The End

Spot the difference

Look at these pictures.
Can you spot the five differences between them?





Answers: 1. Harold is missing 2. the big tree behind the shed is missing 3. the middle shed window is missing 4. James has replaced Gordon 5. Percy has replaced Henry.

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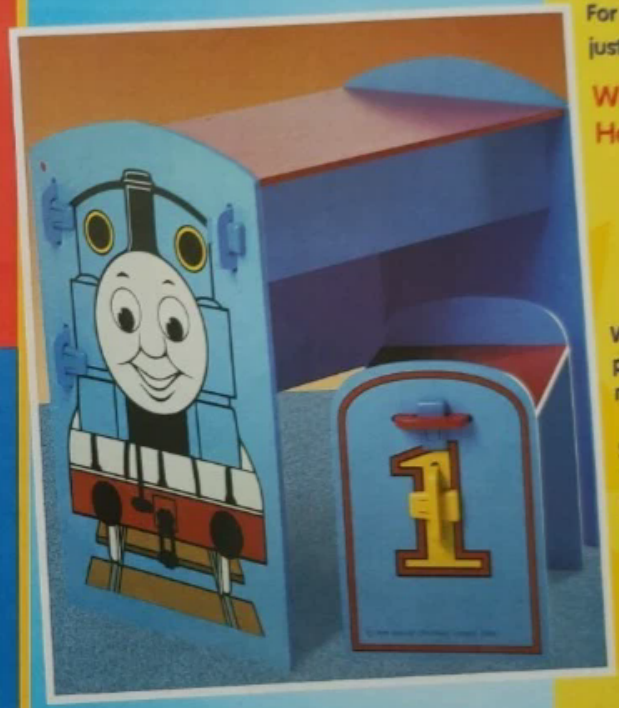

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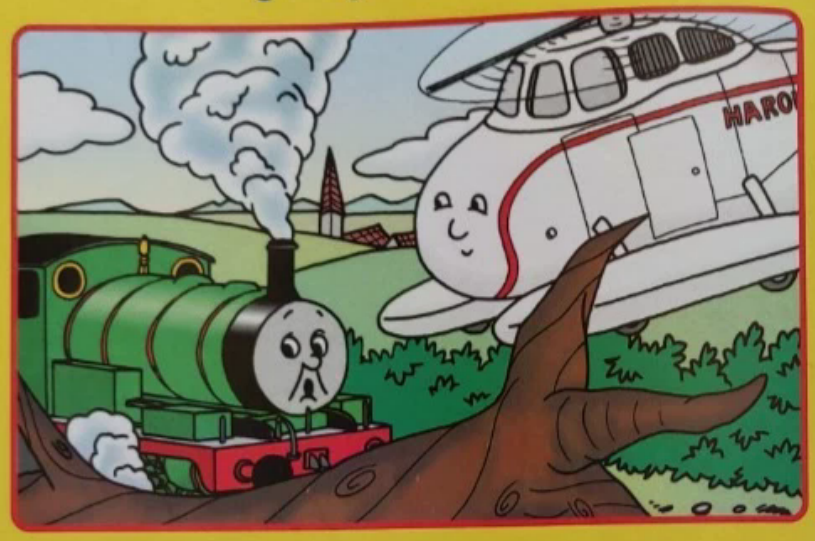

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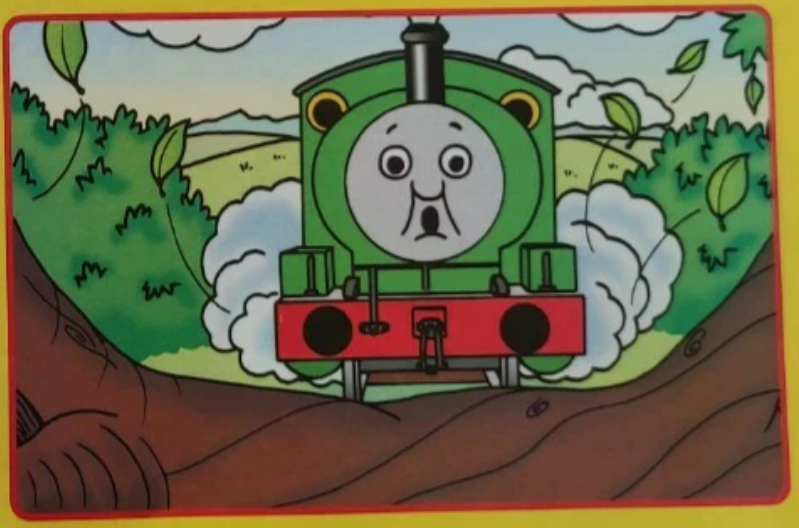
The right order is

Write the numbers of these pictures below to show which order they should go in. Then tell the story yourself.

2

4



Which engine can you see in these pictures?

answer: 3, 4, 1, 2

answer: Percy

Thomas' rhyme time!

The Naughty Truck

Stop, start or just go slow,

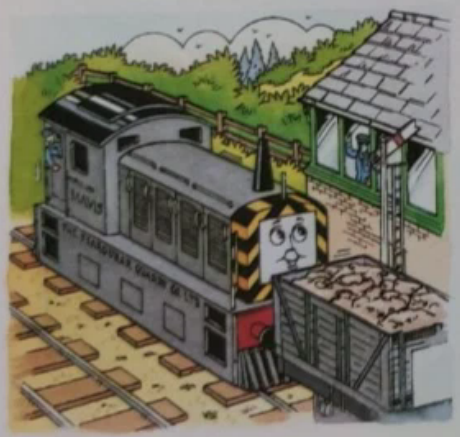
Mavis does what signals show.

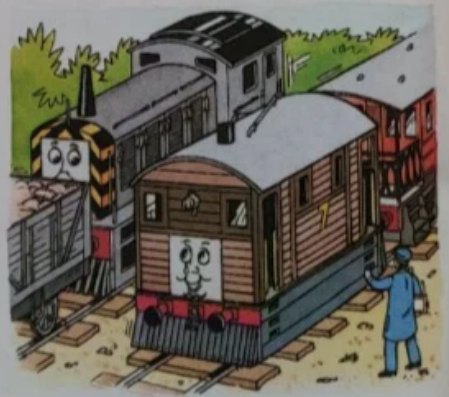
Whatever would her driver say,

If Mavis were to disobey!

Helping on the quarry line,

Pushing trucks, she's running fine.





Rolling by a signal box,
All the trucks are full of rocks,
Mavis passes Toby, too,

He calls out loudly, "How are you?"
"Working hard," she tells her friend,
Then disappears around a bend.

Signals soon slow Mavis down,
Her weary trucks begin to frown.
"Silly signals make us wait!"

They grumble that they'll finish late.
Says Mavis, "Better safe than sorry.
We're Really Useful at the quarry!"

When Mavis has to wait once more,

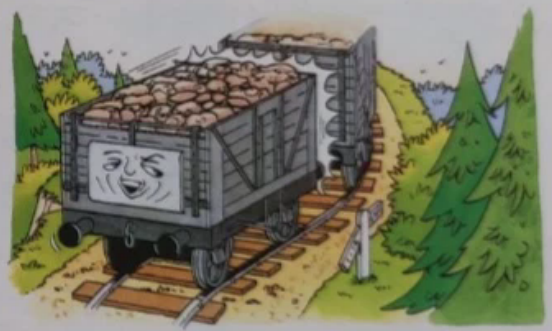
The truck in front thinks it's a bore.

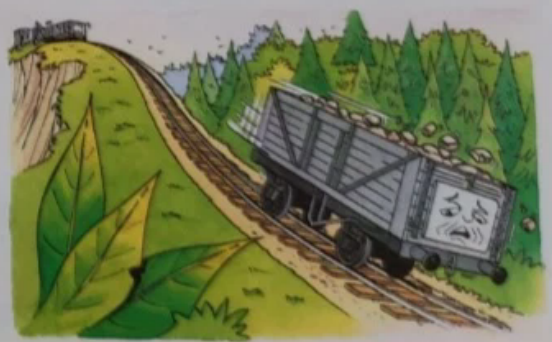
He rocks about and then breaks free,

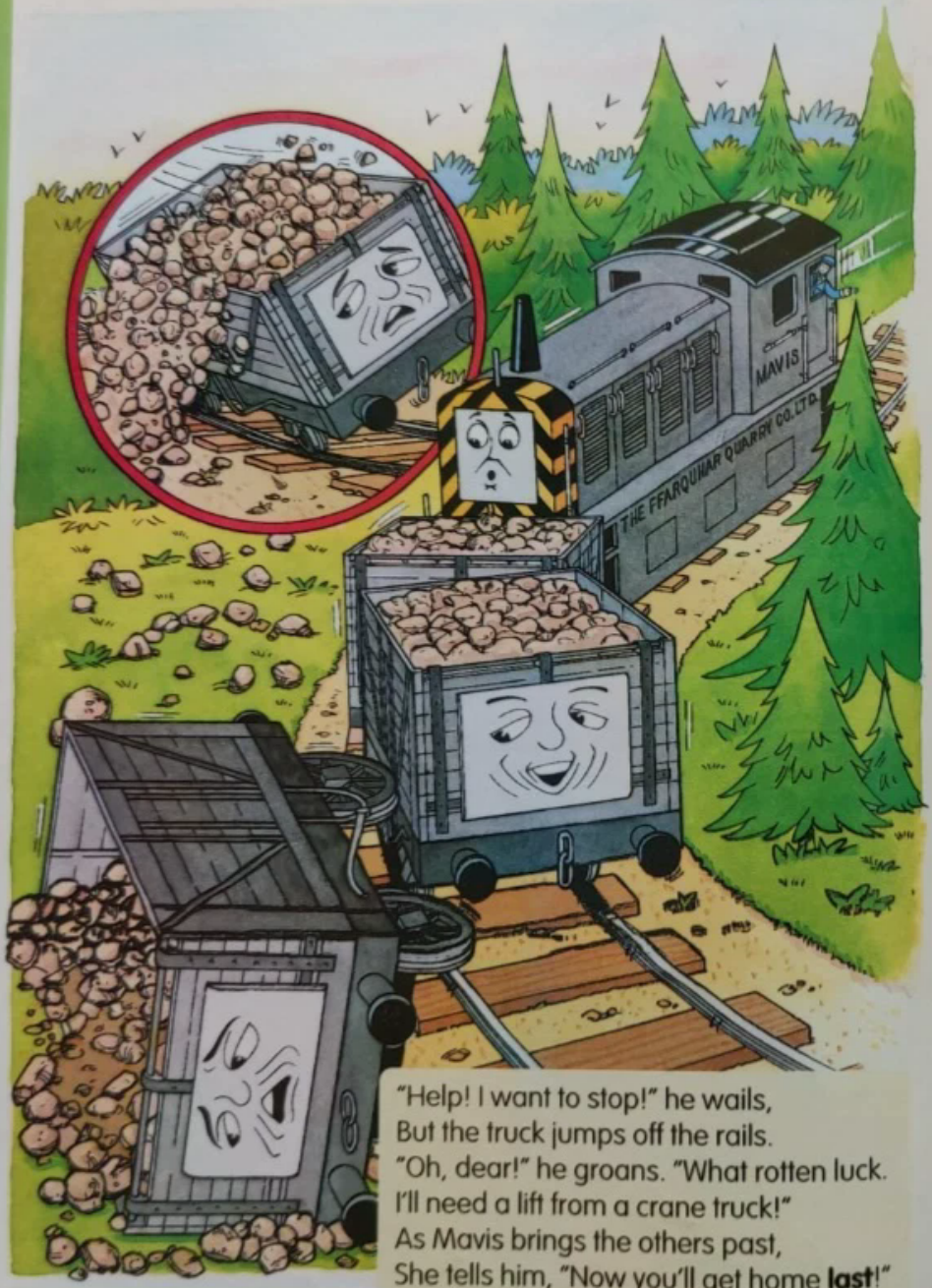
The truck rolls on so naughtily.

He boasts, "See? I'm not standing still!"

Suddenly he speeds downhill.







"Help! I want to stop!" he wails,
But the truck jumps off the rails.
"Oh, dear!" he groans. "What rotten luck.
I'll need a lift from a crane truck!"
As Mavis brings the others past,
She tells him, "Now you'll get home **last**!"

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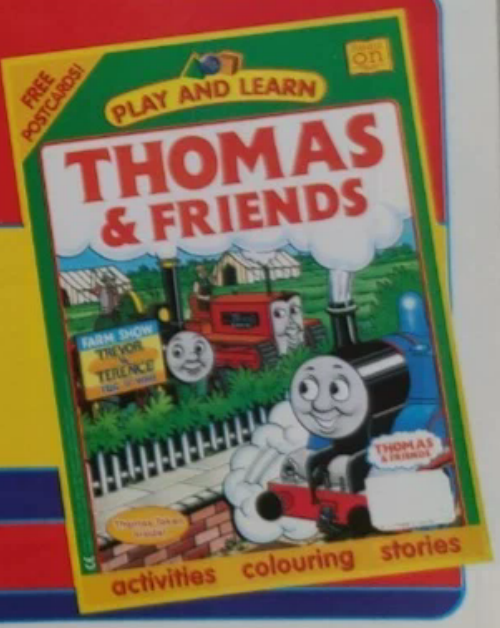
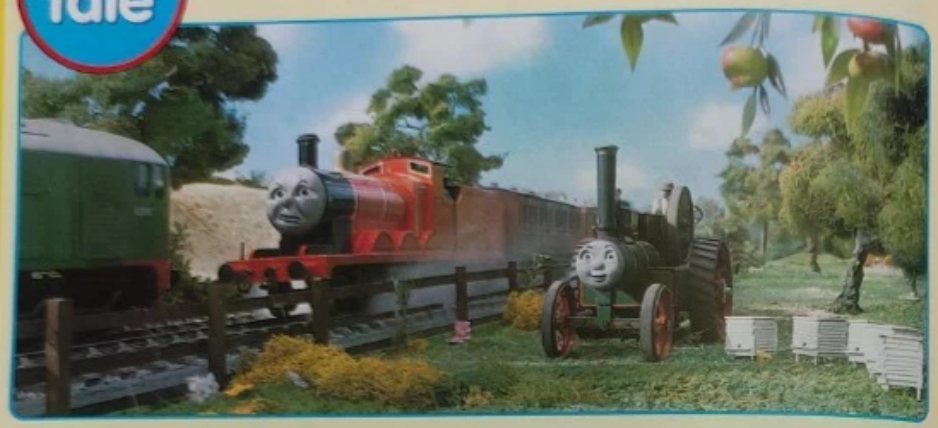


Thomas' tale

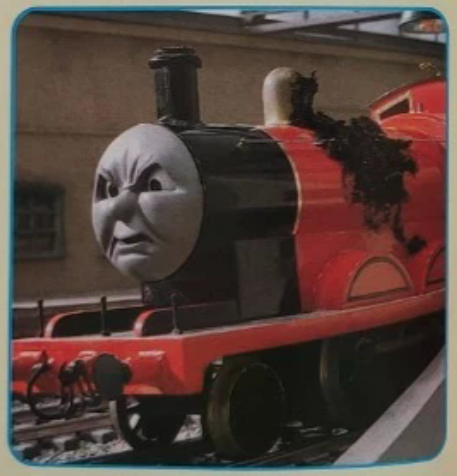
James and the Bees



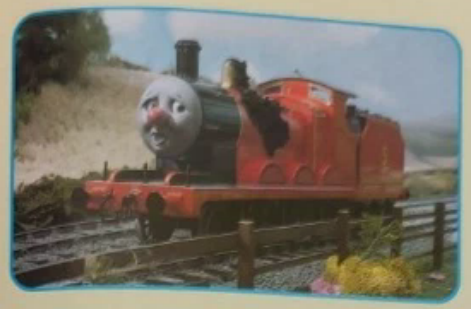
1. Trevor the Traction Engine was enjoying his work in the Vicarage orchard. "Hello, Trevor," said James, "What's that noise?"

"It's the bees!" laughed Trevor. "I'm taking some to the station. They make good honey and the Vicar is giving them to his friends."

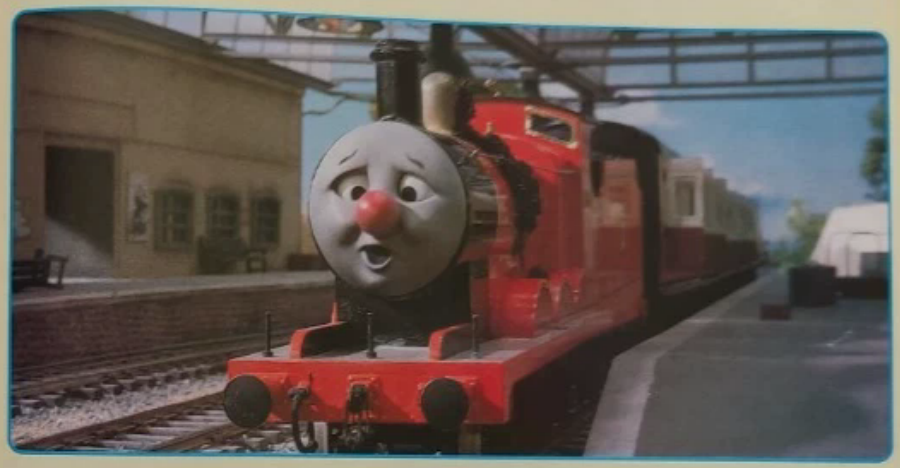
2. Just then, BoCo the Diesel engine appeared. "Be careful the bees don't sting you," he warned. "I wouldn't care," snorted James.



3. James arrived at the station, where a beehive was being put on a train. Suddenly, it fell and broke open! The bees turned to James.



4. One bee stung James right on the nose! James had had enough. He did everything to try and get rid of the bees. He tried spinning on the turntable, but with no luck. He tried washing them off, but the bees clung on.



5. "We'll just have to go back and fetch another hive," said his driver. When they arrived, the bees swarmed straight into their new home. "Thank you for saving my bees," the Vicar said. "It's a pity it's not Christmas - we could call you James the Red Nosed Engine!"

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percy's bedtime story

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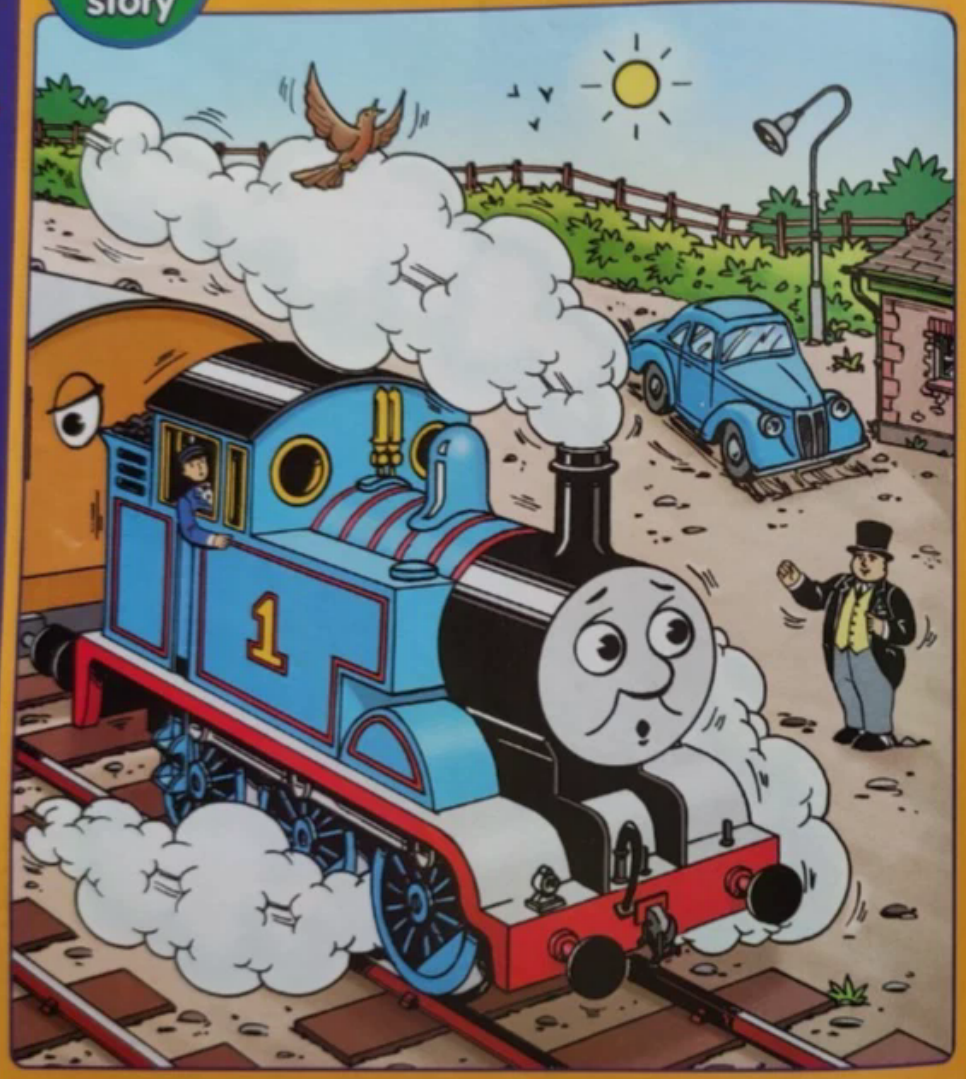
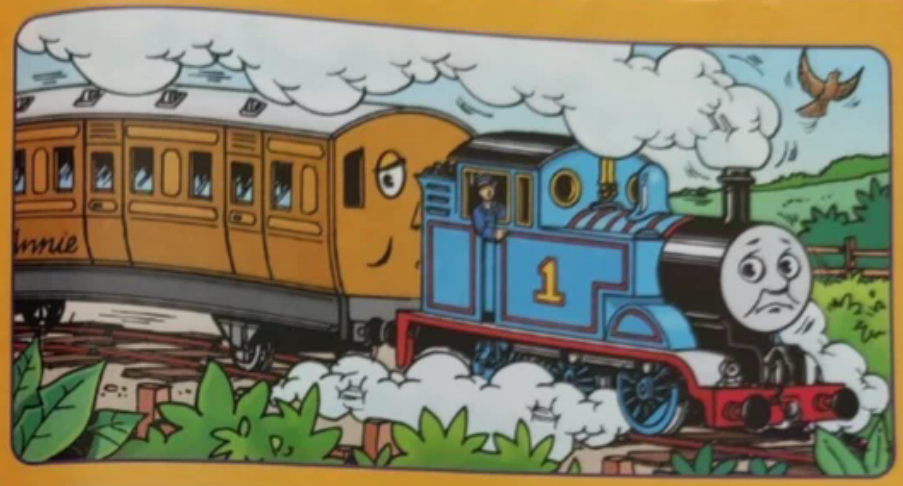


1. One morning, The Fat Controller was chatting to Thomas' driver, "I'm waiting for a ship to deliver a new engine for me at the harbour this afternoon!"

2. "A new engine, did you say?" gasped Thomas. The Fat Controller answered, "That's right, and it'll arrive in a container so you'll need a flat truck for it!"



3. Thomas worried all morning that he would be replaced by the new engine! "Don't worry, Thomas, we won't work with anyone but you!" called Annie.

4. "That's right!" added Clarabel, "A new engine won't know how to treat carriages, and it won't know its way around!" "Tell The Fat Controller that," huffed Thomas.

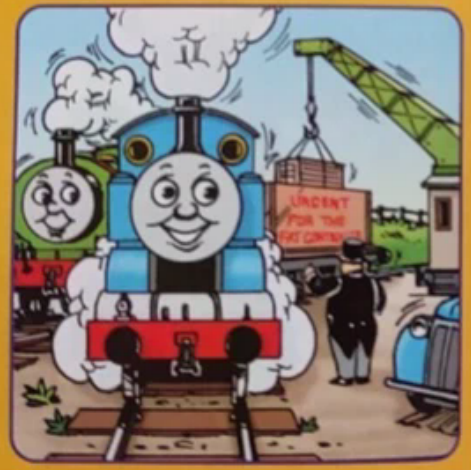
5. That afternoon Thomas met Gordon at the harbour. "I don't wish to worry you, but I'm here to pick up a new engine from that cargo ship!" he peeped nervously.

6. Gordon snorted, "An engine my size wouldn't fit in a cargo container so it won't be to replace me! It's small engines like you and Percy that need to worry!"

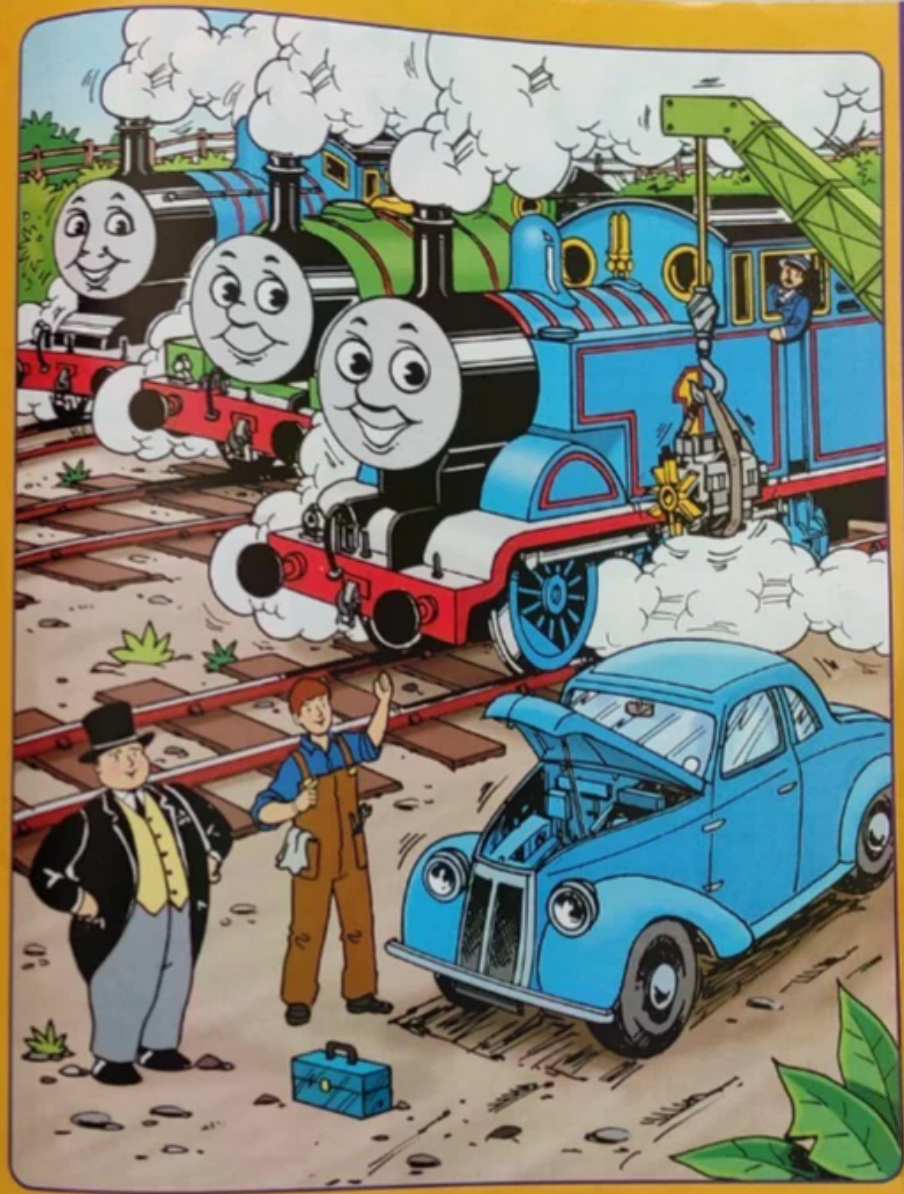
7. Thomas sadly watched all the containers coming off board and had to wait for the very last one. "I was hoping they'd lost it in the sea!" he muttered.

8. His driver turned to him, "Come on, Thomas, you've not been yourself today, what's the matter?" "We don't need a new engine!" Thomas wailed.

9. His driver smiled, "Oh, Thomas, of course we don't need a new engine but The Fat Controller's car does. Haven't you seen it broken down in the station car park?"



10. Thomas cheered up instantly! He took the container to the yard and a box was taken out. "You wouldn't fit a steam engine in a crate that small!" exclaimed Percy.



11. The Fat Controller opened the box and grinned, "Who said anything about a steam engine? It's a new engine for my car, it'll be great to be back on the road!"

12. There, in the yard, a mechanic started to fit the engine. The Fat Controller smiled, "It's only when I order a new diesel that you lot need to worry!"

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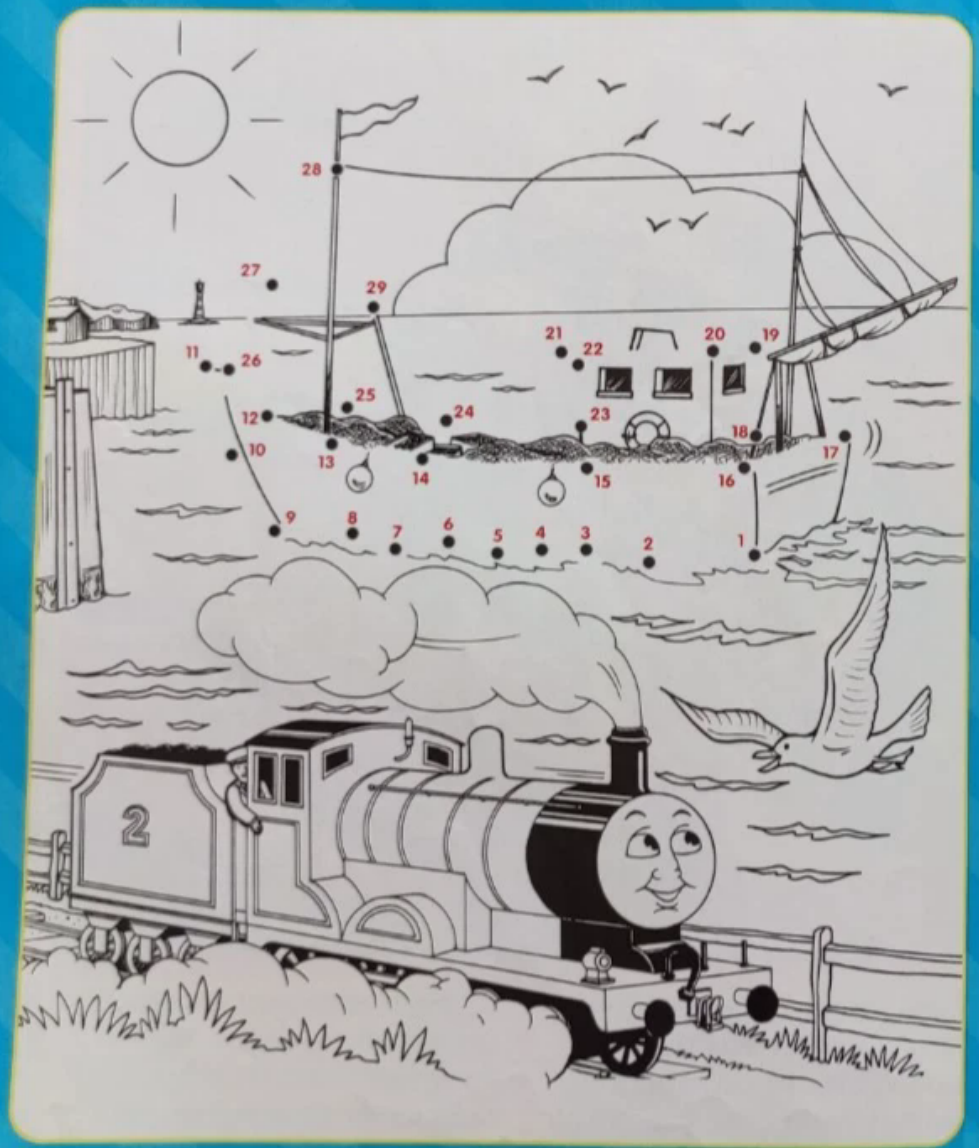
Dot to Dot!

Join the dots to see what Edward is looking at.



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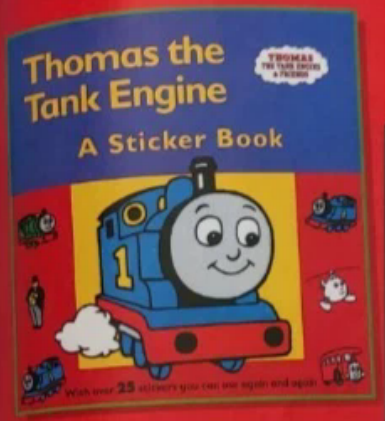

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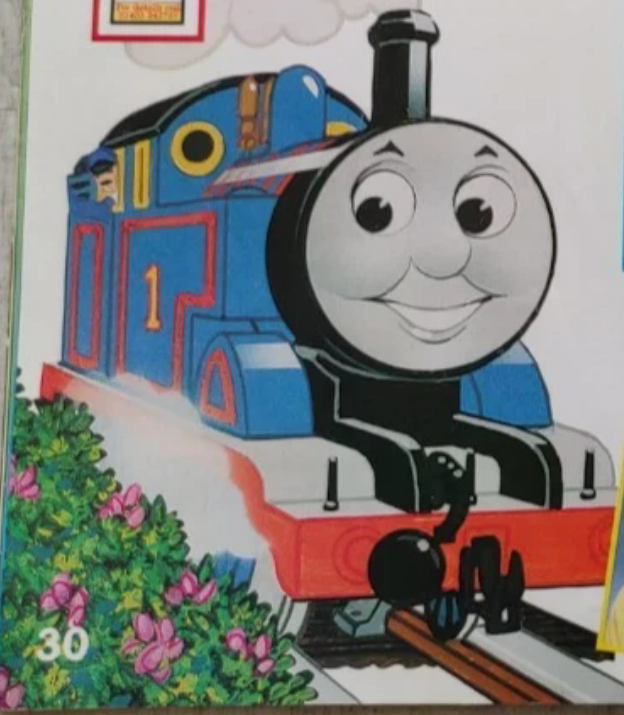

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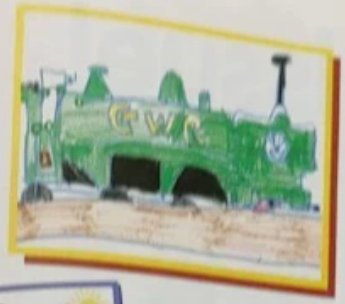

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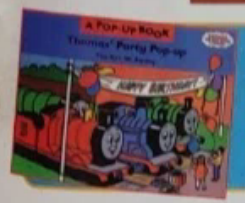

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